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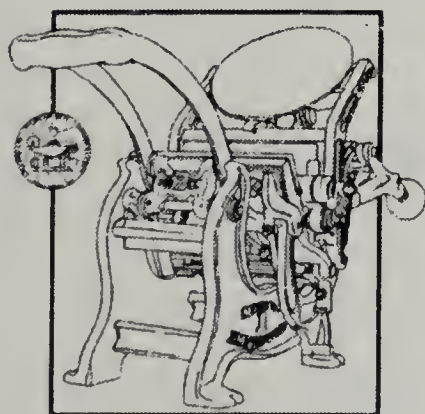
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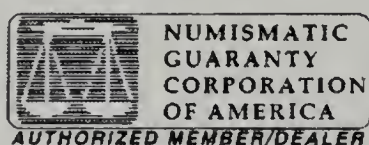


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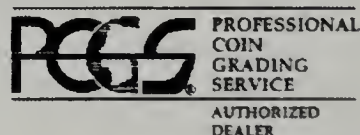
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President's Message

My apologies to all the ILNA members for getting out last issue of the Digest late. We had some problems, but now it is fixed. Therefore, I hope you are receiving your Digest on time. If not please let me know.

When I wrote my last message it was before the passing of two wonderful members. Therefore, I would like to take some time and mention the passing of Joe Wagoner and Jimmy Kaczor. They will both be greatly missed. Each man devoted so much time and resources to ILNA. I had the privilege of knowing Jimmy Kaczor for 32 years. I was ten years old, following my late father to Illinois shows, when I first met Jimmy and his lovely wife Penny. Jimmy was Mr. ILNA. He was also one of the finest ILNA educational speakers. The board meetings and state show will miss his presence.

The Fall Convention is taking shape. We have again sold out bourse. We should have a full day of educational speakers on Saturday. ILNA exhibit chairman Roy Kuester is looking for exhibitors to receive one of 2004 1/2, 1/4, or 1/10 ounce gold or silver eagle. Please write to him at PO Box 1424 Centralia, Illinois 62801. The youth auction on Sunday at 12:30pm is always special. This year will be no exception. Fox Valley Coin Auctions will be conducting a Saturday night auction across the street at the Holiday Inn room 729. The lot viewing will be during regular show hours on the stage. So, please stop by. The show will even have someone selling world mint products from the Polish Mint, the Royal Canadian Mint, and the Monnaie de Paris Mint. The location of the show is the same as in prior years. It is at 6200 Joliet Road, just right off Interstate 55 exit 279 north, LaGrange Road. Go 1.2 miles, turn left onto Joliet Road, and it is the tall black building with the entrance in the rear. As always parking is free and there is no admission charge. The hours of the show are 10:00am to 6:00pm Friday and Saturday September 17th and 18th, and 10:00am to 3:30pm Sunday September 19th. Early bird badges are available for use Thursday September 16th from 2:00pm to 7:00pm. For an early bird badge and any other details, please contact Kermit Wasmer at 815-432-4636.

As a personal note, I have really enjoyed my last six years as your President. Before that I was Vice-President for 3 years, and before that a board member for one year. I had the distinct pleasure of working with the finest ILNA board and officers, who devoted many long hours to the association. I thank every one of them, which I have served with. I also need to express my heartfelt thanks to the membership. The ILNA Membership is the strongest in the country. It was an honor and privilege to work for you the last six years. During the past six years, our treasury has grown to a healthy balance, and our membership has grown. We currently have more members than we did six years ago. We have our own showcases to use for the show without problems. I learned so much. I did not realize how many hours it takes to plan, setup, run, tear down, and report on, what has become a major Illinois State event, fall convention. In the last six years, ILNA has setup its own website. In addition, we continued to produce an excellent quarterly Digest. In the last six years, the

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President's Message (Cont.)

ILNA spring show has visited six different cities. Also, the YN scholarship to the ANA's Colorado Springs seminars was fully funded, and we were able to send our first YN this year. There are so many more small accomplishments that I could mention; however, I must conclude. As I leave, I take with me the precious memories of the many wonderful collectors I met along the way. It has been fun!

My hope for ILNA's future is continued growth and prosperity. I hope we can find a new grand and larger site for our Fall show in the Chicago land area. In addition, I hope ILNA continues improving and expanding its educational forum.

Thank You All.

Jack D. Huggins, Jr.
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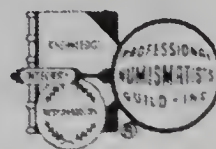


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Making Sense

by John D. Wright

The French Foreign Legion is formed this year. Manned totally by foreign mercenaries and serving mostly in North Africa, the Middle East, and Indo-China, the Legion will attract renegades and fugitives for the next 160 years.

The battle of Ostrolenka crushes the Polish revolt begun last year. Though most of the revolutionary leadership escapes to Paris, the "Russification" of their homeland begins. All Polish universities are closed and students are transferred to the University of St Petersburg.

The president of Greece is assassinated, to be replaced by his brother.

Under pressure from both the military and the people, Brazilian Emperor Pedro 1 abdicates and returns to Europe, leaving the throne to his five-year-old son. The boy will rule Brazil as Pedro 2 for the next 58 years.

In Britain, the Bristol riots result in a bloody cavalry charge, four executions, and 22 rioters transported to Australian penal colonies.

Irish Catholics resort to arms in their protest against enforcement of tithes to support the (Protestant) Church of England.

The tenth-century London Bridge across the Thames is replaced this year.

English naturalist Charles Darwin sails on the HMS Beagle for the Galapagos Islands. The bizarre fauna he finds there give rise to his even more bizarre theory of the evolution of species from other simpler species. This unfounded and disproven theory is today taught as fact.

The second, (or "great") cholera pandemic, which began five years ago in India, spreads this year from Russia into Central Europe and North America. It will reach Britain by next year. For US-centric historians this is known as "the first" cholera pandemic, as the decade-earlier outbreak did not spread to the western hemisphere.

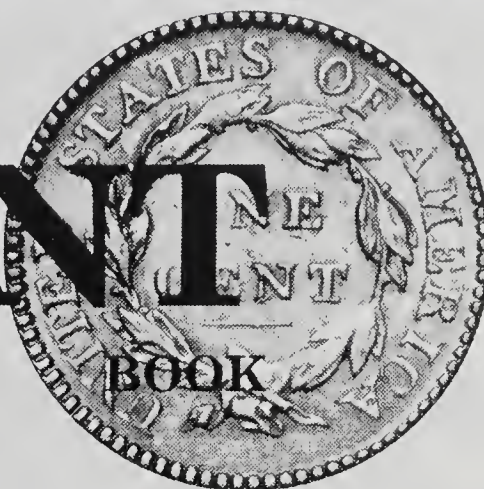
A slave uprising in Jamaica dubbed "Samuel Sharp's Rebellion" kills no whites, but the British authorities retaliate by burning slave shacks and killing and flogging many other actual and suspected participants.

Another slave uprising in Virginia labelled "Nat Turner's Rebellion" kills sixty whites in 48 hours. Many slaves are killed in the response by local militia and armed townspeople. Seventeen of the survivors, including Turner, are tried, convicted, and hanged.

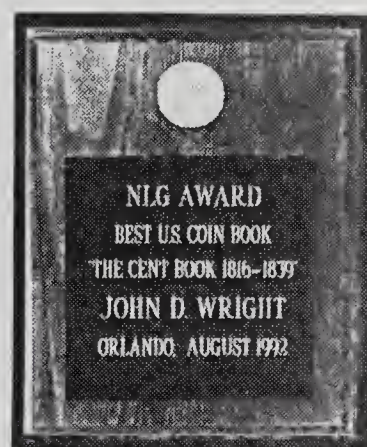
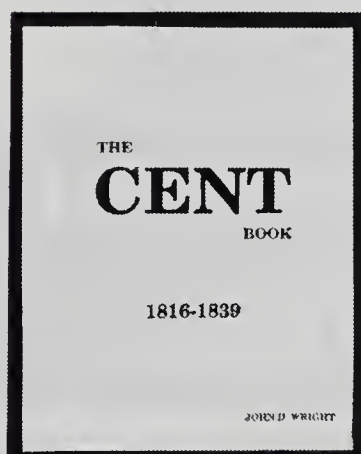
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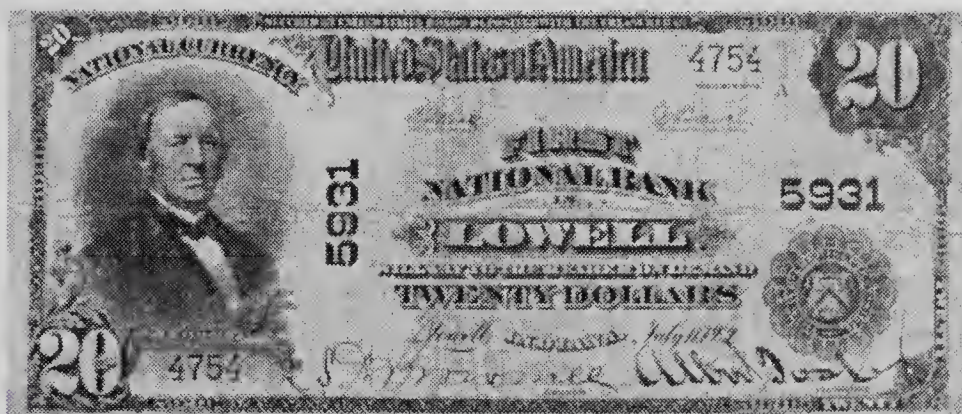


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1909 S V.D.B. Key Date or Wasted Money by Frank M. Zapushek (Mr. Z)

Thanks to ILNA Member/Dealer Gerry Gerber for bring this coin to us and allowing us to photo this coin.

As I have said before, **pay** attention to the small details and you will save yourself **big** bucks. Let the big details take care of themselves.

The most common way to turn a 1909 V.D.B. into a 1909 S V.D.B. is to add an "S" mintmark to the coin.

Die struck counterfeits are harder to detect because of the fact that they are die struck. But most die struck counterfeits still do not show the fine detail of the original, genuine coin.

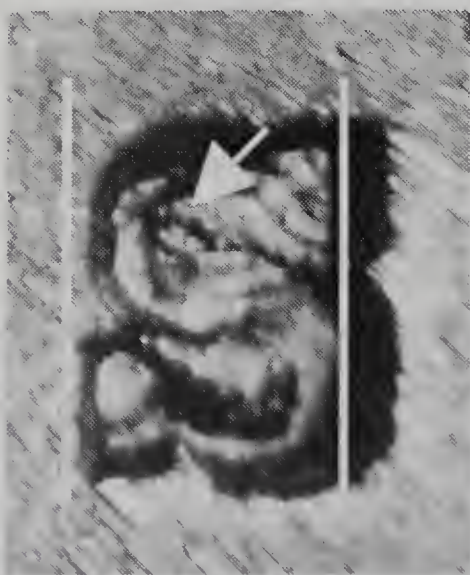
Only 484,000 1909 S V.D.B.'s were produced by the Mint, but 4 obverse dies are know for this coin. If you have the ability to learn all four positions of the mintmark, that is fine. I prefer to take the easy road to saving my money.

"Study the details that are the same on all four dies". A lot less effort for my little brain to remember.

Two major points to identifying this key date are the same on all four dies. The style of the mintmark and the style of the V.D.B.

Let's examine the mintmark of the genuine coin in detail.

Genuine



Counterfeit



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Minutes Spring Board Meeting Springfield, IL. Sunday, March 28, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 2:10PM with following officers: President – Jack Huggins, Jr., Vice President – Don Keopple, Secretary – Michael Doran, Treasurer – Kevin Wasmer, Chairman of the Board – Kermit Wasmer, Board Members - Steve Butler, Clayton Hagemann, Richard Prouty, David Spring, Donna Wasmer, Garry Garrison, and Roy Kuester. Frank Zapushek has an excused absence and Andrew Reiber has an unexcused absence.

Secretary Michael Doran reported that ILNA membership has gained 4 new members at the show. Also, it was noted that two long time ILNA members, Joe Wagonner and Leroy Kacor passed away about a month ago. It was noted that 35 members and 2 clubs are in arrears in dues, and if they do not pay by April 1st that they will be dropped from the rolls of membership. Finally, the Antioch Coin Club e-mailed the Secretary on information on ILNA and such will be mailed out. A motion was made to accept the Secretary's Report – 1st by Kermit Wasmer, 2nd by Spring, passed.

Treasurer Kevin Wasmer read the Treasurer's Report informing the Board that dues have been coming in and that it is helping the association's finances. After discussion, a motion to accept the treasurer's report was made – 1st by Keopple, 2nd by Prouty, passed.

President Jack Huggins announced that Digest Editor/Webmaster Frank Zapushek has picked Bruce Perdue to succeed him in the fall. Also discussed is the possible purchase of computer software for future publication of the ILNA Digest as such computer programs, currently in use by Zapushek, cannot be transferred from him to Perdue. After further discussion, a motion was made to allow Huggins to purchase the software needed once such is found – 1st by Kuester, 2nd by Keopple, passed.

Old Business –

Huggins asked the Board to take some flyers for the 2004 show to pass around at local shows and club meetings.

2004 Show – Kermit Wasmer informed the Board that applications for the 2004 Show have been mailed out and currently, 20 tables were sold. Also, the Board decided that due to decline in sales that it will no longer sell raffle tickets at the show.

New Business –

Huggins announced to the Board that the dates of the 2005 show will be September 9-11, 2005.

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Minutes Fall Board Meeting *(Cont.)*

The YN Scholarship was discussed, and it was announced by Huggins that DJ Keopple has won the scholarship and will be going to the Summer Seminar at the headquarters of the ANA in Colorado Springs, Colorado sometime this summer.

The ILNA History Project was discussed. Kermit Wasmer was given to him a ribbon commemorating ILNA's first convention, which in turn was put in the ILNA archives.

Huggins announced that he will be the ANA Regional Representative for Illinois, replacing Kermit Wasmer, who has decided to become a District Delegate. Also, in light of the passing of Leroy Kaczor, Huggins appointed Kermit Wasmer as the new ANA club representative for ILNA.

Elections for 2004 officers were discussed, and it was noted by Huggins that all four officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer), the Chairman of the Board, and the following board members are up for re-election: Reiber, Prouty, Spring, and Zapushek. Huggins formed an elections committee comprising of himself, Keopple, and Prouty to find possible candidates for the Board.

Kevin Wasmer stated that he would be interested in purchasing ILNA's wiring for this show in Countryside. It was noted that both he and Kermit Wasmer each has wiring in their respective homes for storage and that ILNA uses the wiring only once a year, for the Fall Show. After discussion, a motion was made to allow Kevin Wasmer to purchase the wiring provided that ILNA uses it for its show – 1st by Kuester, 2nd by Doran, passed.

Discussed by Huggins is the possibility of increasing ILNA's membership dues. After discussion, the matter was tabled until the next meeting in June at Springfield.

Huggins thanked Board Member Steve Butler and his organization, the Central Illinois Numismatic Association, for hosting the 2004 ILNA Spring Show.

A moment of silence was given for Board Members Joe Wagonner and Leroy Kaczor.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting – 1st by Huggins, 2nd by Kermit Wasmer, passed. Meeting was adjourned at 3:21PM.

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Secretary's Message

by Michael B. Doran



Summer is here and, despite high gasoline prices, just about everyone is out traveling. For us numismatists, the fun is just beginning. There are coin club meetings going on throughout our state – if there is one in your area, please attend – you'll leave a meeting knowing more than when you came in. Also, there are coin shows going on somewhere in Illinois as well, and in the ILNA Digest and on the ILNA Website, there is a show calendar section where you can find a show to go to. Speaking of shows, the 2004 ILNA Fall Coin Show & Convention will be held from Friday, September 17 through Sunday, September 19, 2003 at Park Place of Countryside Hall in Countryside, IL (suburban Chicago). There will be dealers from all over the Midwest present, as well as seminars and an auction. Check the ILNA website at **www.ilnaclub.org** for more details.

There will be an election for ILNA officers and board members this. I encourage all ILNA members to take a few minutes of their time and please vote on these matters.

Regarding the ILNA History Project, some members have been coming forward on historical items from ILNA's past. If you have an item you wish to donate or a story about an ILNA event from years back, please contact me or Jack Huggins.

Finally, if there are any members who have questions about their ILNA membership, please feel free to contact me either by phone at **(815) 802-0544** or by e-mail at **secretary@ilnaclub.org**. I will reply either way as fast as possible.

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Making Sense (*Cont.*)

In Boston, William Garrison publishes the first issue of an abolitionist newspaper "The Liberator". The Georgia Senate passes a resolution offering a \$5,000 reward for Garrison's apprehension and conviction in a Georgia court. Garrison vows to continue publishing "The Liberator" until all US slaves are freed -- and he does exactly that.

In earlier years Jedediah Smith had blazed a trail from the Great Salt Lake to San Diego, then up the coast to Oregon Territory, where he survived the Indian massacre of most of his party. This year Smith is killed on the Cimarron River by Comanches.

The US Supreme Court rules in "Cherokee Nation vs Georgia" that since Indian tribes are not foreign nations they may not sue in federal courts. Next year this court will rule that the US Government has exclusive control over tribal Indians and their lands within any state.

The New York legislature abolishes debtors' prisons on the grounds that "poverty is not a crime".

The first Baldwin locomotives are manufactured this year in New Jersey. The Mohawk & Hudson Railroad begins service as the "DeWitt Clinton" plies the rails between Albany and Schenectady. This will later become the first link of the New York Central.

Isaac Dripps invents a device for protecting the boiler of a locomotive from animals on the track. The first "cowcatcher" impales trespassing cattle on projecting spikes. Engineers complain about having to stop and remove the gory carcass. The next refinement is a straight-across massive bumper. When this is found to push the carcass under and derail the locomotive, the "cowcatcher" is further refined to a wedge-shaped push-aside apparatus. (Third time's the charm!)

Joseph Smith leads seventy of his Mormon followers from New York state to the Ohio wilderness to found a New Zion.

Two Swiss brothers, John and Peter DelMonico open a European- style dining room in New York. The new establishment departs from the tradition of a well-stocked table from which customers can "take it or leave it". Instead, Delmonico's Restaurant offers a varied menu from which patrons can select specific dishes to be prepared for them. The idea will be widely copied.

Chloroform is invented this year, soon to be used widely as a surgical anaesthetic.

Cyrus McCormick first demonstrates his new "reaper" this year. Before the McCormick Reaper, growing and harvesting one bushel of US wheat took three

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Making Sense (*Cont.*)

man-hours of work. This horse-drawn reaper allows one man to do the work of five. By its use, McCormick's father can till 1200 acres with only nine slaves and eighteen horses.

Francis Smith, a Baptist minister, publishes a patriotic song set to the meter of a rousing tune he has heard. First performed in Boston on July 4 of this year, the author does not know that the tune for his "America" ("My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of Liberty. ...") is the British anthem "God Save the King". For the next hundred years this song will be a prime contender for our national anthem.

A social feud among the President and his Cabinet leads to a series of domino-effect resignations. By August all Cabinet members but the Postmaster General have been replaced. President Jackson and VP Calhoun exchange bitter public accusations, and Jackson replaces Calhoun with VanBuren as his designated successor. The local press has delighted in following the scandalous "Petticoat War" to the shame of all.

This year the US population reaches 13 million. Britain has 12.2 million, and Ireland 7.7 million.

During 1831 the US mint in Philadelphia produces about 12 million coins in eight denominations -- two in copper, four in silver, and two in gold. There is nothing specifically remarkable about either the quarter eagle or the half eagle of 1831, though all US gold coins before the weight reduction of 1834 are rare. Most were melted in subsequent years, much as the silver coinage in recent years.

Among the half dimes, dimes, quarters, or half dollars of 1831 there are no really noteworthy differences. The two rare half dollar die varieties (of 19 varieties) are minor variants of interest only to specialists in that series.

The US copper coins of 1831 are a different matter. Mint records show 2200 half cents for this year, but fewer than 30 genuine pieces are known today -- along with hundreds of fakes and alterations. About one in every three 1831 half cents are Proofs, most likely of later manufacture. This is a rare and eagerly sought coin. It has been speculated that the 2200 mintage figure for 1831 half cents may refer to the first delivery of 1832-dated half cents. With normal copper-coin survival rate for this period being around five percent, one would estimate a survival of about 110 pieces -- or five to six times the observed survival.

One true oddity among 1831 half cents is the "second restrike", which is known only in Proof and has an 1831 obverse and an 1856 reverse. This reverse is a smaller die and a totally different design from the 1809-1836 reverse.

Half cents of 1834 are often altered to 1831. These are easy to spot, since the 1831 has a small date with large stars, while the 1834 has a large date with small stars.

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Making Sense (Cont.)

Large cents of 1831 include no true rarities, but do include several individual items of fascination. The first of these is the "long-lost 1831 A-13". Though Andrews described such a coin in 1883, he never owned one, nor has anyone else seen such a coin in the over 120 years since then. My book has a more complete discussion on this ghost.

Returning to reality, four otherwise common 1831 cent dies are occasionally seen with spectacular cuds involving the design elements. The most common of these is N11, which often comes with a cud joining the tops of "TES" to the rim. Less common are N8 with a longer cud joining the tops of "TED S" to the rim, and N9, with a broad interior cud joining stars 3 to 5.

But the most famous cud on an 1831 cent is the popular and scarce "harpooned whale" of N12, so named for the shape of this massive cud. It runs from halfway between the date and star 13 and covers all but the inner point of star 13 and the top three points of star 12. This is the kind of eye-catcher that makes these wonderful old coppers a delight to chase.

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Key Date or Wasted Money *(Cont.)*

First, let me mention that I rotated these mintmarks so that the angle of the mintmarks is the same.

The upper most NW corner of the genuine mintmark has a notch in the top of the serif. Also, notice the white arrow pointing to a die chip inside the upper curve of the mintmark. Now step back and notice that both the upper and lower serif of the mintmark are parallel. The upper serif is even with width of the lower curve of the "S" mintmark.

There is no notch in the upper serif of the counterfeit and no die chip inside the upper curve of the mintmark. Also notice that the lower serif is angled inward, unlike the genuine mintmark. Step back and notice that the upper serif is set back from the width of the lower curve of the "S" mintmark.

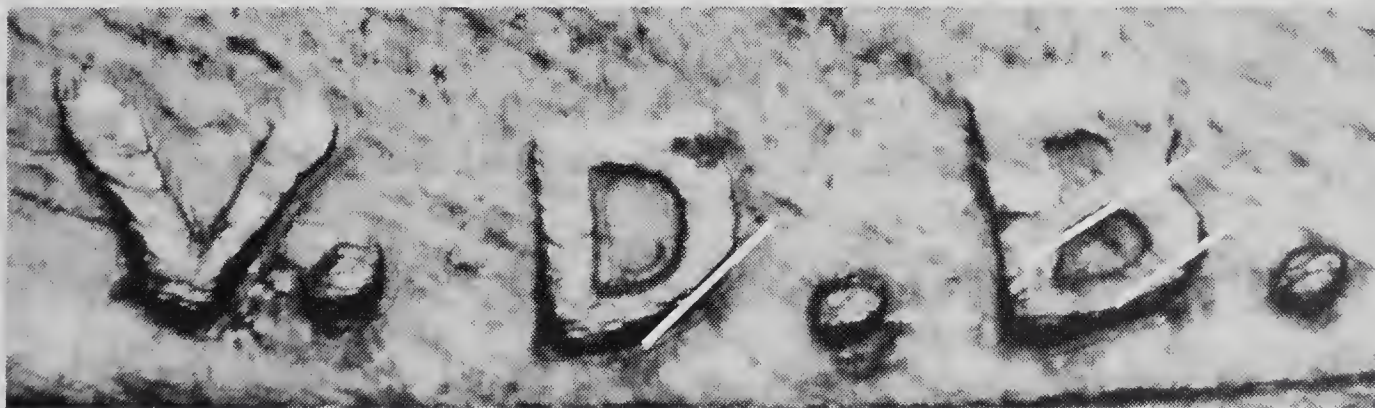
Minor details of just the mintmark could save you hundreds. All four dies have the same style mintmark.

Now lets look at the reverse of the coin and examine the V.D.B. Little did Mr. Brenner know that his initials would become a point of identification on the genuine coin.

It is not recommend that the periods after the letters V.D.B. be used as an identification feature of the genuine coin. Weakly struck genuine coins are often missing some or all of the periods.

On all four dies, the V.D.B. is located slightly off-center to the left.

Genuine Coin

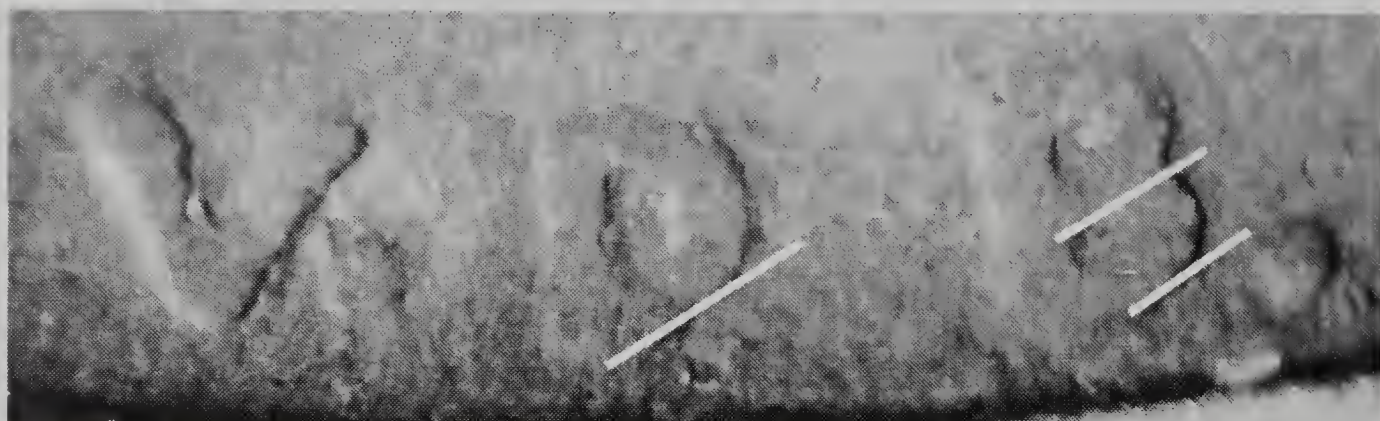


Notice the style of the letters used on the V.D.B. Look at the lower right angle bar of the letter "V". Notice that it decreased in width from the top to the bottom. The right angle bar in the "V" is thicker at the bottom than the right angle bar. The lower curve of the "D" angles upward slightly and the middle bar inside the "B" is also angled upward. The lower curve of the "B" also angles upward slightly.

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Key Date or Wasted Money *(Cont.)*

Counterfeit Coin



This part of the coin gave me the most trouble. Was the coin a die struck counterfeit or an altered coin. The depression around the "V" gives the impression that the coin was altered, but other areas of the give the impression it was die struck.

The counterfeiter makes an excellent effort to reproduce the angles below the "D & B". Even the angle of the middle bar of the "B". But notice the thickness of the letters and the style of the letters. Not even close to the genuine coin.

The letters on the counterfeit are much thicker and the style is not even close to the genuine coin. Again, the counterfeiter tries to copy the genuine coin, but the small details give them away.

Notice that the right angle bar of the "V" is thicker at the bottom than the top. Just the opposite of the genuine coin. The upper part of the left angle bar of the "V" is poorly made with little if any style. There is not sharp corner inside where the two bars form the "V". Just a minor detail. Nothing important?????

The counterfeiter does a good job of copying the upward slant to the letter "D" at the bottom, but the style of the letter is completely wrong. The entire letter is thicker than found on the genuine coin. Just a minor detail !!!!!!!

On to the letter "B" in the V.D.B. An excellent job of reproducing the middle bar angle of the "B" and also the slight upward slant of the lower bar of the "B". BUTTTT, the style of the letter is completely wrong. The counterfeit "B" is much thicker and bulky looking.

Learning the few points given in this article and you will spot 99% of the counterfeit 1909 S. V.D.B.s. To protect yourself from the other 1% of the counterfeits, have the coin authenticated by a third party grading company. It also helps to build a relationship with a dealer you trust.

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Key Date or Wasted Money (Cont.)

I hope this article proves the value of paying attention to the small details on key or semi-key date coins. The article should give you a new meaning to "small details". All your life you have heard, "don't sweat the small things". I am saying please, "sweat the small things" on every coin.

As you know, I always stay with the topic of every article. This issue I most break this policy. On a recent buying trip to Paducah, KY, we visited my mother's hometown of Metropolis, IL. (Home of Superman) Just over the bridge from Kentucky.

We spotted a little restaurant just off I-24. It is just to the left at the first or second stop light and down about half a block where the road ends.

The name of the restaurant is "Gentry's Steakhouse, 2110 E 5th St. Metropolis, IL. Due your taste buds a favor, if you are in the area, stop in for a meal that you will not believe.

Bonnie and I enjoyed the best steaks we have eaten in years with great service from our waitress "Michelle". Best of all, it was reasonably priced.

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This historic settlement affirms the United States Mint's commitment to protect and inform its customers, to educate consumers across the nation, and to safeguard the United States Mint's reputation for producing the highest quality coins and products," said United States Mint Director Henrietta Holsman Fore.

In the agreement, the Justice Department settled all of the United States Mint's trademark and false advertising claims against the Washington Mint. The settlement marks the end of three years of litigation in which the U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota found the Washington Mint, a private company specializing in medallions and collectables, liable for infringing the United States Mint's trademark and for engaging in false and deceptive advertising.

As part of the agreement, Washington Mint must assist the United States Mint in its efforts to eliminate existing confusion in the marketplace. The Washington Mint has agreed to serve a consumer awareness notice to its customers of U.S. coins and replicas of U.S. coins since January 1, 2000, providing information that will assist customers in distinguishing genuine United States coins from privately produced look-alikes or replicas.

The notice is also intended to help eliminate confusion in the minds of consumers by more clearly identifying the Washington Mint as a private company, not associated in any way with the United States Mint. Under the United States Constitution and federal law, Congress has established the United States Mint as the only entity authorized to produce genuine, legal tender United States coins.

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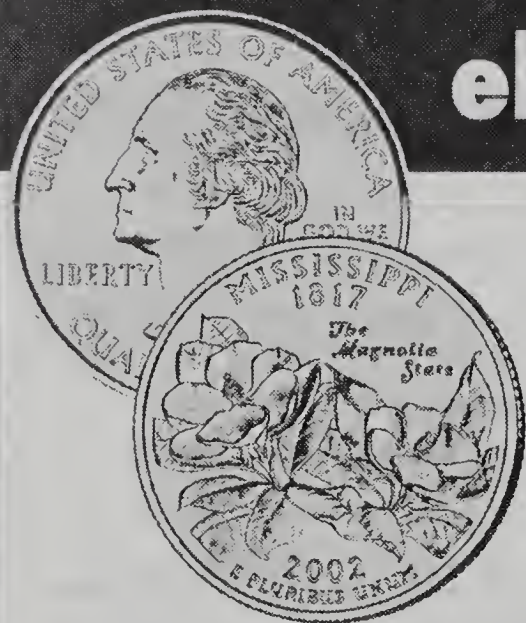
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